

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include new sheets 5 and 6 containing new informal Figures 5 and 6. The new drawings show aspects of the invention described in the specification as filed. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: (2) new drawing sheets

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment accompanies a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371, entering U.S. national phase of the corresponding PCT application. Please amend claims 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19; cancel claims 17 and 20-22 and add claims 23-24. The claims have been amended to correct clerical errors and to more closely conform the claims to U.S. practice.


The specification has been amended and two new sheets of drawings have been added. Support for the amendment to the first paragraph on page 7 may be found at least in claims 9-12 and 15 as filed. Support for the new paragraphs to be added before the last paragraph on page 7 comes at least from claims 1-3, 5-7 and 19 as filed, and page 1 paragraphs 1-2 and page 6 paragraph 2 of the Specification as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced. Applicant submits that the application is ready for examination on the merits and earnestly solicits timely consideration on the merits.

This Preliminary Amendment was considered when calculating the filing fee. Accordingly, the total number of claims specified on the Transmittal Letter is 20 and the number of independent claims is 3.

It is not believed at this time that any additional fee is due. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 any additional fee required by this submission.

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